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SANTIAGO FOR AMBASSADOR LANDAU GENEVA FOR USDEL TO UNHRC

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SUBJECT: 34TH SESSION UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: CHILE

REFS: (A) STATE 44012; (B) SANTIAGO 1130; (C) GENEVA 2589

1. CHILE PERMREP DIEZ, IN CONVERSATION WITH HEAD OF U.S. DELEGATION TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, ED MEVINSKY, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 19TH, URGED MEZVINSKY TO TRAVEL TO SANTIAGO TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET. HE SAID THAT THE GOC HAD ACCEPTED THE AGREEMENT TO ADMIT THE WORKING GROUP, AND THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO MEET WITH MEZVINSKY TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

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2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION COPY OF REFTEL B, MEZVINSKY CONTACTED CHILEAN PERMREP TRUCCO (GENEVA) FOR EXPLANATION OF APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING BY GOVERNMENT OF CHILE CONCERNING INITIATION OF MEETING BETWEEN MEZVINSKY AND PINOCHET. PERMREP TRUCCO EXPRESSED HIS PUZZLEMENT OVER MISUNDERSTANDING AND REITERATED THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WHICH MEZVINSKY HAD EARLIER REPORTED BY TELEPHONE TO

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALLEY: THAT PERMREPS DIEZ AND TRUCCO HAD CABLED THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL A TO GOC AND THAT BASED ON THIS INFORMATION PRESIDENT PINOCHET HAD REQUESTED A MEETING WITH MEZVINSKY

ON TUESDAY IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN FROM PUERTO MONTT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING, THE CHILEAN PERMREPS EXPLAINED TO MEZVINSKY, WOULD BE TO FLESH OUT THE SPECIFIC STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE WORKING GROUP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WOULD BE ADMITTED TO CHILE. THE MEETING WOULD BE PREMISED UPON ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT BY THE GOC.

3. PERMREP TRUCCO INFORMED MEZVINSKY THAT HE WILL CABLE SANTIAGO TO MAKE CLEAR THAT MEZVINSKY IS NOT REQUESTING A MEETING WITH PINOCHET, BUT IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED MEETING WITH MEZVINSKY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT TO ADMIT WORKING GROUP ACCEPTED BY CHILE. TRUCCO FURTHER OFFERED TO CONTACT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES TO BRIEF HIM ON SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND URGE EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR LANDAU.

4. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS AMBASSADOR LANDAU KEEP SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH VALDES MORNING OF FEBRUARY 20 TO MAKE POINTS OUTLINED IN REFTELS A AND C AND STATE THAT U.S. SEES CONFIDENTIAL

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NO PURPOSE TO MEZVINSKY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET PRIOR TO GOC ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF COMPROMISE SUGGESTED BY WORKING GROUP OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. UPON SUCH ACCEPTANCE, NEGOTIATION ON SPECIFICS OF IMPLEMENTATION COULD FOLLOW WITH APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. VANCE

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